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1. A PRESIDENTIAL LEGISLATIVE ACT, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO 136, VOLUME I OF MAY 18, 1977, IMPOSES A SPECIAL CONSUMPTION TAX OF 25 PERCENT OF THE C.I.F. VALUE PLUS IMPORT DUTIES AND TAXES, OR OF THE RETAIL PRICE IN THE CASE OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTS, ON CERTAIN LUXURY ITEMS (LISTED IN PARA 2). A SUBSEQUENT LAW ENACTED BY PARLIAMENT, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, MODIFIES THIS PRESIDENTIAL LEGISLATIVE ACT. THESE MODIFICATIONS ARE LISTED IN PARA 3.

2. BNT NUMBER PRODUCT

03.02C3 OTHER FISH: SALMON, SMOKED

16.02A GOOSE LIVER

16.04A CAVIER

22.05A SPARKLING WINES

22.09G2A,B,

C, D ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: WHISKY, GIN, RUM AND VODKA

23.07 ANIMAL FEED PREPARATIONS

33.06B2B PERFUMERY PRODJSCTS

42.02, 42.03 LEATHER TRAVEL GOODS

43, 03A,B PROCESSED FURS, EXCEPT ARTICLES MADE OF FUR CUTTINGS AND

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67.04 WIGS, FALSE WHISKERS, AND SIMILAR ARTICLES

71,12, 71.13,

71,14 JEWELRY OF SILVER, GOLD OR PLATINUMPLATED SILVER;

JEWELRY OF BASE METALS PLATED WITH PRECIOUS METALS, WHETHER
DECORATED WITH PRECIOUS STONES OR NOT, EXCEPT HOLY ICONS,
ENAGEMENT RINGS AND BAPTISM CROSSES

71.15 ARTICLES CONSISTING OF PEARLS, OR PRECIOUS STONES
90.08 MOTION PICTURE CAMERANS EXPECT THOSE DESTINED FOR THEATERS
92.11A MEDIA FOR SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION #1
85.15A SAME AS 92 11A BUT ALSO BEARING RECEIVER #1
85.14 MICAPHONES, LOUDSPEAKERS, AUDIOFRENCY AMPLIFIERS #1
#1 PRODUCTS INCLUDED UNDER BTN 92.11A, 85.14 AND 85.15A3
ARE EXEMPTED FROM CONSUMPTION TAX WHEN DESTINED FOR EDUCATIONAL
PURPOSES OR INDUSTRIAL USE
95.03 IVORY ARTICLES
PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES WHOESE PISTON DISPLACEMNT OF THE ENGINE
EXCEEDS 1800 CUBIC CENTIMERTS AS WELL AS MOTORCYLES OF AN ENGINE
DISPLACEMENT EXCEDING 400 CUBIC CENTIMENTERS, ARE ALSO
ALSO SUBJECT TO CONSUMPTION TAX (SEE ATHENS A-74).
3. ACCORING TO LAW RECENTLY PASSED BY PARLIAMENT, THE
FOLLWOING PRODUCTS ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE 25 PERCENT
CONSUMPTION TAX:
A) PRODUCTS SOLD TO FOREIGNERS WHEN PAYMENT IS EFFECTED IN
FOREIGN CURRENCY;
B) PRODUCTS INCLUDED UNDER TARFIFF PARAS 92.11A.
85.15A3 AND 85.14 WHOSE C.I.F. VALUE DOES NOT EXCEED
4,000 DRACHMAS OR THEIR RETAIL PRICE DOES NOT EXCEED
8.000 DRACMAS:
C) SILVER ARTICELS WHOSE RETAIL PRICE DOES NOT EXCEED
8,000 DRACHMAS PER PIECE (4,000 IF IMPORTED FROM ABROAD)
AND ARTICLES OF GOLD OR OTHER PRECIOUS METALS WHOSE RETAIL
PRICE DOES NOT EXCEED 12,000 DRACHMAS PER PIECE (6,000
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IF IMPORTED FROM ABROAD).
4. SPARKLING WINES, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND SOME
PEEFUME PRODUCTS, CONTAINING A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF ALCOHL,
WERE ALREADY SUBJECT TO CONSUMPTION TAX. THE
NEW 25 PERCENT SPECIAL CONSUMPTION TAX IS IN ADDITION TO
THE EXISTING TAX; MOREOVER, CAVIAR, PEFUME PRODUCTS,
LEATHER GOODS, PROCESSED FURS, WIGS, JEWELRY, PRECIOUS
STONES AND IVORY ARTICLES WERE ALREADY SUBJECT TO LUXURY
TAX. THE NEWLY IMPOSED 25 PERCENT CONSUMPTION TAX IS IN
ADDITION TO THE EXISTING LUXURY TAX.
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